

The Extinguisher Newsletter

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"Putting out the NEWS"

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Second Annual "Guns N Hoses" Basketball Game April 14

Murfreesboro Fire Rescue and Murfreesboro Police Department will once again face off in a friendly game of basketball for a good cause.

The Second Annual "Guns N Hoses" game benefitting the departments' Relay for Life "Boro Public Safety" team will be Saturday, April 14 at 6:00 pm in the gym at Middle Tennessee Christian School.

Come support your favorite public safety agency, #teamfire or #teampolice. Tickets will be sold at the door, \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and free for kids ages five and under. Concessions will be available during the event. All proceeds will directly benefit Relay for Life of Rutherford County.



In 2017, MFRD took a 70-44 victory over MPD, but more importantly, the event raised over \$1,700.

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2ND annual

GUNS



VS



Hoses



Saturday, April 14, 2018

6:00 PM

MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (100 MTCS road)

Ticket Prices:

5 and under free

STUDENTS \$3

ADULTS \$5

all proceeds will go to relay for life on behalf of the BORO PUBLIC safety team

Red Cross Partners with Murfreesboro Fire Rescue Department to Install Smoke Alarms During Sound the Alarm Event

The American Red Cross is partnering with Murfreesboro Fire Rescue Department to install life-saving smoke alarms during Sound the Alarm home fire safety event on Saturday, April 21st in the Minerva Drive area of Murfreesboro from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



**American
Red Cross**

Red Cross volunteers along with firefighters from Murfreesboro Fire Rescue Department, members of Olive Branch Church, Family Worship Center, and Belle Aire Baptist Church will be canvassing neighborhoods in Murfreesboro, installing free smoke alarms, replacing batteries in existing alarms, and helping families create escape plans.

“Sound the Alarm is a nationwide Red Cross effort to help reduce the number of deaths and injuries from home fires,” said Kathy Ferrell, Executive Director. “We are incredibly grateful for the partnership with MFRD and community volunteers who are sharing their time to save lives.”



“With 42 fire fatalities in the state of Tennessee this year between January and March 23, it is even more important to make sure our citizens are equipped with the correct number of working smoke alarms,” said Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks. The State Fire Marshal’s Office has on record 24 saves from smoke alarms in fire incidents throughout the state. “Having working smoke alarms in your home can cut your risk of fire death in half,” Foulks added.

The Red Cross responds to nearly 64,000 disasters a year, the majority of which are home fires. Working smoke alarms in a home cut the risk of death by half, and having an escape plan further improves the odds of survival. The Red Cross wants to end these tragedies and save lives, the reason why the organization launched the Home Fire Campaign in 2014. To learn more about the Home Fire Campaign, visit www.redcross.org/heartoftn.

Sound the Alarm is proudly sponsored by International Paper, Thomas Lawrence Campbell, HCA Foundation, FedEx, CHI Memorial, Patricia and Rodes Hart, Sedgwick, UPS, and AutoZone.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or Twitter at @RedCross.

Cooking with MFRD has Special Celebrity Guests



The latest episode of “Cooking with MFRD” features Host Ashley McDonald and very special guests Steve Hall, Miss Sheila, and Shotgun Red. These celebs are best known for their work on Nashville Now, The Ralph Emery Show, HeeHaw, and the Shotgun Red Variety Show. They also have a cooking show on YouTube called “Cooking with Shotgun Red.”

Firefighter Jeremy Spivey suggested that McDonald contact Steve to see if he would be interested in appearing on the show, and to her delight, he accepted. You won’t want to miss his amazing “Cornbread Cake” recipe with only 7 ingredients!



Cooking with MFRD and Shotgun Red

Firefighter of the Month April 2018

Engineer Charles Powell has been named Firefighter of the Month for April 2018. He was nominated by Captain Brian Lowe. Captain Lowe wrote, “Sarge (as Powell is affectionately known at the fire station) is always one of the first to arrive at work for his shift. He gives those whom we serve and his co-workers a helping hand when needed. Furthermore, Sarge makes promoting Murfreesboro Fire Rescue a priority. He has a unique ability to connect with others, especially veterans. Recently, Sarge invited a veteran in search of a career to ride-along with Ladder-9. The rider experienced apparatus check-off, station duties, public fire safety education, and multiple call types. Sarge made the experience worthwhile for the rider by making him feel like part of the crew.”

Powell has been with MFRD since October 2004.



Telecommunicator of the Year Recognized

The Murfreesboro Police Department, Murfreesboro Fire Rescue Department, and the City of Murfreesboro honored local public safety Telecommunicators, the “first” first responders, during National Telecommunicators Week. National Emergency Telecommunicators Week was started in 1981 to put a special focus on public safety telecommunication professionals for their contributions to the safety and security of communities around the world.

To honor the Department’s dispatchers, a ceremony was held April 10 at the Murfreesboro Police Department. Assistant City Manager Jennifer Moody presented a City Proclamation declaring this week “Telecommunicators Week” to police and fire officials.

Telecommunicator Marty Gillihan was chosen as the 2018 Telecommunicator of the Year for his service to the community. Communications Director Seth Russell stated “Marty is the definition of a team player; he always is willing and ready to jump in and help fellow dispatchers, officers, or firefighters. He genuinely cares about the citizens that call in and goes the extra mile to provide assistance.” Murfreesboro Police Chief Mike Bowen and Murfreesboro Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks also thanked Marty for his untiring dedication and heart for service.



MFRD Chief Mark Foulks, 9-1-1 Communications Director Seth Russell, Telecommunicator of the Year Marty Gillihan, Assistant City Manager Jennifer Moody, and MPD Chief Mike Bowen.

Thank you Dispatchers!

You're our first line of response in every emergency situation
and we appreciate you!

April Anniversaries

Joe Bell and Dwajuan Howse– 19 years
Ryan Battle and Jeff Clementi–7 years

